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MARILYN R. MARKS RESIGNS AS BOARD CHAIRMAN

Dorsey Trailers Inc. agrees to sell assets

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

It was officiently announced last Wednesday that Dorsey Trailer management has officially recommended to the U. S. Bankruptcy Court the acceptance of a $4 million offer for the Elba plant and the equipment and inventory of the Cartersville, Ga. plant. The offer was made by Dorsey Acquisition Group LLC. The announcement expressly said that, "Dorsey Acquisition Group LLC does not include any current or former officers, directors or insiders of the Company."

There is no announced time for then the bankruptcy court will rule one the recommendation.

The same news release announced that Marilyn R. Marks, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the company has resigned her position with the company effective March 18, 2001.

In a telephone conversation on Tuesday afternoon of this week, company spokesperson Lorri Palko said from her Atlanta office that the new investors want to reopen the Elba plant and resume building trailers in the facility. She added that they have indicated they also plan to resume the construction of flatbed trailers in Elba.

Palko warned that the announcement doesn't mean it is a done deal by any measure. She explained that any offer is subject to approval of the courts and other bids can still be received and/or accepted by the bankruptcy courts.

She said there has been substantial additional interest expressed in buying the company since the March 22th action was made public.

According the Palko, "The good news is that there is substantial interest in the company and a high likelihood that the Elba facility will reopen in the near future."

The news release reads as follows:

As previously announced, on Dec. 4, 2000, Dorsey Trailers, Inc. (the "Company") filed a voluntary Petition for Relief under the provisions of Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Alabama, Montgomery, Ala. (Bankruptcy Case No. 00-6792-WRS). On March 22, 2001, the Company filed motions with the Bankruptcy Court whereby certain assets of the Company will be purchased for $4 million, subject to certain adjustments at closing, by the Dorsey Acquisition Group, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. Dorsey Acquisition Group LLC does not include any current or former officers, directors or insiders of the Company. The Asset Purchase Agreement entered into by the Company

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WATERSHED STUDY STATUS REPORT. Engineers were in Elba last week updating Elba city officials on the status of their flood control study on Beaver Dam and Moore's Creek. The project is being funded by the City of Elba and a matching grant from FEMA.

Early studies predict that by constructing at least two normally dry restrictor "holding ponds" in each of the watersheds, the peak water flow in the downstream parts of the respective creeks (in Elba residential areas) can be cut as much as 43%. Combining these restrictors with removal of accumulated debris, silt and other obstructions could result in additional reductions in flood dangers. The study is ongoing.

Pictured above from left to right are: John Curry, engineer with Hydro-Engineering Solutions; Elba Street Superintendent Billy Meek; Mayor James Grimes, City Clerk Donnie Morrow and Charles Peters, engineer with Peters-Mitchell and Associates, the prime contractor on this study. Seated is Wesley Dawsey, engineer with Hydro-Engineering

Passover is a time of reflection

by Jennifer Smith, Staff Writer

Over 3,000 years ago the Israelites were slaves under the reign of Pharaoh. Moses was appointed by God to approach Pharaoh and ask for the Israelites release. Each time Pharaoh refused, God sent a plague upon the land. Plagues of water being turned to blood, frogs, vermin, flies, cattle disease, boils, hail, locusts and darkness were all ignored by Pharaoh.

In the final plague, God killed all the first-born of humans and cattle. The Israelites were told to cover the sides and tops of their doorframes and the angel of Death would "passover" their household. Pharaoh, not believing, ignored the instructions and lost his son that night. Convinced of God's power, he granted the Israelites their freedom. Today, Jews still celebrate their release from bondage in Egypt and remember the trials of their ancestors by the observance of Passover.

Passover begins this year at sunset Saturday, April 7th. There are very strict rules to be followed during passover. No food containing yeast is to be found in the house or eaten during the week of the holiday. Some go as far as to have their utensils and cookware professionally cleansed. They clean their houses top to bottom and throw out or give away any food with leaven in it. Foods that are prohibited are to be disposed of the morning of the first night of Passover.

The first two days of the eight day festival are celebrated with a special meal known as Seder (say-der). The Seder is a very important part of Passover. Not only is the feast celebrated to remember the trials of the Jews' ancestors, it is also a time for learning and intrigue for the children. Near the beginning of the meal, a child is asked four questions and replys in Hebrew. The questions and answers tell the meaning of the items on the Seder plate and the rituals of Passover.

Each portion of the meal tells a part of the story that led to the deliverance of the Jews from Egypt. The centerpiece of the table is the Seder plate. It contains five foods - Haroset, parsley, a roasted egg, a shank bone, and bitter herbs. These serve as reminders of the Israelites struggle on their journey to freedom. The ritual of the Seder is over 2,100 years old.

THE SEDER PLATE AND A HAGADDAH are used during the Seder. Pictured here are a beautiful Seder plate and a reprint of a 500 year old illustrated Hagaddah. A Hagaddah, meaning "telling," is the book from which the ritual of the Seder is conducted.

(photo by Jennifer Smith)

The Haroset is a mixture of chopped walnuts, apples, cinnamon and wine. It is the only sweet item on the Seder plate. Its brown color resembles the mortar in the bricks made and used by the Jews to build Pharaoh's monuments and buildings. Though the labor was difficult, freedom is sweet.

Parsley is a symbol that spring has arrive - a new beginning, similar to the new beginning the Jews received with their freedom. The parsley is dipped in salt water to be a reminder of the sweat and tears shed by the slaves before their release.

One roasted egg sits on the platter as a symbol of spring and it also symbolizes the extra sacrifice in the Jerusalem temple in observance of the holiday.

The shank bone depicts the lamb sacrifice offered by the Jews that night of Passover and later in the temple.

The bitter herbs symbolize the bitter affliction of slavery. The freshly shredded horseradish often causes tears to come to one's eyes, another reminder of the persecution and sorrow suffered by the Jews' ancestors so many years ago.

At the beginning of the feast, three pieces of Matzah, large unleavened bread are placed in a large cloth. This cloth has three pockets, one for each piece of Matzah. The middle layer is removed and broken in half. This piece is called the Afikomen. The Afikomen is then hidden somewhere in the house. Later in the celebration, the children look for the Afikomen. The one to find it is given a special prize. The bread is unleavened to be a reminder of the haste the Israelites took in leaving Egypt after Pharaoh released them. They did not have time to let the bread rise and had to quickly bake it on hot rocks in the desert while traveling.

Four glasses of wine are also served during the Seder. They represent the four promises made by God to bring to the people of Israel out of Egypt. These are found in Exodus 6.

After the meal, the children search for the Afikomen. It is broken and everyone eats a piece and the last part of the Seder is complete.

For the seven remaining days, the only ritual the Jews follow is the rules of what they are allowed to eat. They are not allowed to consume any foods that contain grains. Many grocery stores carry full lines of foods that are considered Kosher. Kosher means the foods are prepared in a way that none of the forbidden ingredients are used in the foods.

Passover is a time of reflection and rememberance of the Jewish heritage and history. It is a time to remember the trials and persecution suffered for past generations. It is also a time for children to grow in wonder and knowledge of their ancestors and to gain a sense of pride to be passed on to future generations.

New Brockton Town Council meeting routine

by Marvin McILwain, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held its monthly meeting Monday evening and dealt mostly with housekeeping matters and tied up loose ends. With all council members present, it took just over a half hour to go through the meeting agenda.

Prior to the start of the business session, Mayor Charles Cole announced the appointment of Ms. Cal D. Howard to the New Brockton Housing Authority Board. She was sworn in by the city clerk, Mrs. Annette Williams.

Mayor Cole also informed the council that the population of the town had increased from 1184 to 1250 as reported by the 2000 census. "I thought there was a few more than that and I still believe there were; however, that is still an increase," said Cole.

The mayor read and signed, with the council's concurrence, a proclamation proclaiming the month of April as Sexual Awareness Month in the Town of New Brockton.

In the proclamation, all citizens of the town are encouraged to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by the House of Ruth, Inc., and to work toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women.

Turning to other matters of business, the council, after a short discussion, voted unanimously to draft and enact an ordinance to provide fees for manufactured homes.

Mayor Cole commented that he felt the town should charge a fee for erecting a manufactured home on a lot that is in line with the fees presently charged for constructing a home on a lot.

Councilman Ron McMonagle made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ricky Strickland, that an ordinance be adopted that would require an equal amount fee for moving a manufactured home or mobile home onto property within the town city limits.

"This would be a building permit because there is a certain amount of building that does go on within the installation of water lines, sewage lines, power lines, blocking up, etc.," said McMonagle. "Also, it gives us [the town] an opportunity to inspect and make sure that it does meet the codes for tie downs and etc."

"The ordinance will be drafted with the appropriate fees included and presented at the next meeting of the council for further consideration."

In connection with the above matters it was approved by the council, that police officers would be instructed to report any building activities to town hall so that it could be be verified that all requirements (fees paid and permits issued) had been met.

Returning to some unfinished business, the noise ordinance, which has been drafted, read and discussed at previous meetings, was presented for a final vote. It was noted by the mayor that the fine for each violation had been set at $50. The ordinance to abate noise and nuisance (Number 2001-01) was adopted with Councilman Stuckey casting the lone dissenting vote.

Councilman McMonagle reported to the council that the work (painting and porch repair) on the New Brockton Senior Citizens Center had been completed. The cost was $9,400.

He also reported that he was presently checking on repairing the old bathhouse in the town park near town hall. The project requires some concrete work that is being checked on by McMonagle. It was noted that the next "main project" is the repair of the old Jr. Food Store. This will be started as soon as the funds are "replenished."

Mayor Cole reported that Frederick Hamilton, who is with the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Board, along with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) officials will be coming to New Brockton this week to survey the drainage problems on Youngblood, Byrd Mill Road, Medley Road, and other locations as needed. He asked that council members add to the list any other areas that they feel should be examined in addition to the ones mentioned. This visit is in preparation to securing funds (making application for) to correct these problems.

In approving payment of the monthly bills, Mayor Cole noted that the cash flow for the past month was $12,365.39. Total expenses through March 31st were $26,903.26 leaving a balance in the "checkbook" of $10,506.11.

In the absence of the police chief, Jerry Gilbert, the mayor

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NOTICE

The Elba Parks and Recreation Department will hold its 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7. There will be two separate hunts: Youth age 12 and Under will hunt for eggs at 9 a.m. and the young-at-heart age 60 and Over will hunt for eggs at 2 p.m. This event will take place at Hawkins-Williams Park, located on Champ McCollough Drive. The hunt will be $1 per person and is sponsored by the Elba Parks and Recreation, State Farm, Crazy Bills and The National Security Group, Inc. All proceeds raised will be used for the summer programs of the Elba Parks and Recreation Department.

Area Happenings

COUNTY BOE MEETING The Coffee County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting, Thursday (TONIGHT), April 5, in the board room of the Central Office located in Elba. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

MISS ZION CHAPEL PAGEANT- Saturday, April 7, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the ZC High School Auditorium

VIETNAM VETS MEET The Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday (TONIGHT), April 5, at the Clayhatchee Community House. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. sharp. For more information call 347-1426 or 598-8804.

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, April 9, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

EHS BAND DAY Elba High School Band Day will be Saturday, April 14, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on the courthouse square.

Governor approves grant funding a new police car for the Town of Kinston

Alabama Governor Don Siegelman announced last week that the Kinston Police Department will soon be getting a new police car. Siegelman has notified Kinston Mayor William Mullins that he approved the town's request for the $26,222 grant to purchase the new police car.

"Law enforcement officials need safe and up-to-date equipment in order to adequately serve and protect their communities," Siegelman said. "I am pleased to assist the town of Kinston with the purchase of this new patrol car."

The new police car will include a light bar, strobe system, switch panel siren, speaker, decals, security screen, radio organizer, radar and video system.

Siegelman awarded the grant from funds made available to the governor's office through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant program of the U. S. Department of Justice. He has designated the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to administer the grant.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Surely this is good news from Vietnam. That country, along with the U.S. and many other countries had extremely bad weather last year. Theirs, and apparently ours, is better now. What that means in Vietnam is that rats are back on the menu in the better restaurants. . . . . thought you would enjoy knowing that bit of information.

There are bills moving through both houses of the Alabama legislature to change the "winner take all" electoral college. The new bills would divide the presidential electors on a percentage of the votes gained in the respective elections. This idea is on the lips of voters nationwide but is not guaranteed to become law here, just as it has already failed in Virginia, Colorado, Maryland and North Carolina. Texas and Minnesota supporters have more than one variation of the bill working through their legislatures with no guarantee either way while Oklahoma deferred any action on the matter until 2002.

Sunday was April 1st, or April Fool's Day. It was also the day set aside by our federal government to adopt Daylight Savings Time. We have asked a number of people if there was some tie between the two . . . . all of us sitting up until 2 a.m. and rolling our clocks forward on April Fools Day! It is probably best not to dwell on that thought for any longer, as it might shatter our personal self esteem. We do assume each of our readers changed their clocks exactly at 2 a.m. Sunday morning, no earlier and surely not after breakfast on Sunday, nor before midnight Saturday night.

My report of having a virus last week as the excuse for such a short Brainstorms was apparently misleading. After some friends saw that, they called with some probing questions. Now it seems a bunch of us were suffering from food poisoning. A small group had met after morning church services Sunday morning for a covered dish lunch honoring a return visit to Elba of Bob and Lucy Brueckner. Well...of about a dozen who were there, at least six of us got bad sick. The one medical expert in the group also got hit and knows the symptoms first hand and suggested that we were hit with the salmonella bacteria. Food poisoning can be mild or very serious. Most of us had a relatively mild case, as we were over the worse part of it within 36 hours. One eater, though, described his wife as, "sicker than she has been in the 45 years we have been together." What caused the illness? No one knows, and we aren't trying to find out. By the time the truth was suspected, it was probably too late to get an accurate answer. The food is all gone and everyone survived while on the positive side . . . .maybe it will serve as a wakeup call to be extra careful when dealing with foods which have the potential for causing this terrible, terrible feeling our friends suffered with us last week.

There is news on the job front with the news of a firm offer for the bankrupt facilities of Dorsey Trailers. A lot of former employees are looking forward for an daily opportunity to return to their familiar stomping grounds.

Activity is also again alive on getting State of Alabama help on the funding for the levee repair. Mayor James Grimes is aggressively working with Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer to finalize the commitment from state government to help with this much needed project. A formal, written commitment to the City of Elba is expected at any time, according to Senator Holley.

From The U. S. House of Representatives
by Congressman Terry Everett

MAJOR PROGRESS MADE ON TAX RELIEF

March proved to be a very encouraging month for the beleaguered American taxpayer. Two key elements of the Bush Administration's monumental tax cut plan were passed in swift order by the U.S. House while lawmakers also endorsed a conservative federal budget blueprint adhering to the priorities of protecting Social Security and Medicare, paying down the public debt, improving education, and strengthening our national defense.

Even now, as many Americans are rushing against the clock to file their federal 1040's and associated forms by April 15, the Republican Congress is fighting to lower the collective tax burden. Just last week, the House voted for a phased-in rollback of the painful and unfair Marriage Penalty which strikes 25 million American working married couples each year. In Alabama, nearly 425,000 married couples also pay more than they should to the IRS just because they are married and both choose to work.

In response, the House voted to increase in 2002 the standard deduction for couples filing jointly to twice the basic standard deduction for single filers. Furthermore, over a six-year period beginning in 2004, the size of the 15 percent federal income tax bracket for a married couple filing jointly would be expanded to twice that of a single filer in the same tax bracket. But the help for working couples doesn't stop there.

Also last week, the House agreed to increase the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) exemption for married couples filing jointly by $1,000 in 2005, $500 in 2006, and $500 in every even-numbered year thereafter, until the amount is twice that of single filers. Lawmakers additionally believe that American families should receive tax breaks for raising their children. To that end, we voted to double the child tax credit to $1,000 over the next six years while also allowing all families with a qualifying child to receive a refundable child tax credit (current law limits the refundable credit to families with three or more children).

Tax breaks for families and working couples tell just part of the story of our tax reduction efforts in March, however. Earlier in the month, the House passed a landmark across-the-board reduction in federal income tax rates, affording relief to most all taxpaying Americans. These cuts will be retroactive to January 1, 2001.

Looking out for the taxpayer has not caused the House to lose focus on the other important federal budget priorities also affecting Americans. Just last week, the House approved a new 2002 federal budget blueprint calling for $2.3 trillion in public debt payments. We also voted to set aside and protect the Social Security and Medicare surpluses for future use. The new budget resolution increases education spending by 11.5 percent, strengthens our national defense, and provides a $153 billion prescription drug plan for America's seniors.

A budget resolution with substantial debt payments, funding for our national priorities and allowing room for tax rate reductions and marriage and child credits is quite an accomplishment. Yet for the House, it's just one month's work. As April rolls in, there is more work ahead, including the long-anticipated elimination of the hated Death Tax.

(Congressman Terry Everett, 2312 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, (202) 225-2901)

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 26, 2001, investigated the following incidents: one criminal trespass, one DUI, one harassing communication, one theft of property, one assault, one stolen vehicle, two violation of animal ordinance, one dog bite, two criminal mischiefs, one harassment, one domestic violence, and one missing person.

The following arrests were made: one on a fugitive from justice warrant, three for assault, four for failure to pay, and one for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: thirteen for speeding, two for no proof of insurance, six for violation of the seat belt law, two for violation of child restraint law, one for improper equipment, two for driving while driver's license are suspended, four for one headlight out, one for a switched tag, one for running a red light, two for no insurance, and one for driver's license not in possession.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, MARCH 19 - River stage - 9.44 feet (6:37 a.m.); Minor wreck on the square (7:37 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 - River stage - 8.57 feet (6:44 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on U. S. Hwy. 84E (10:57 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 223 (4:24 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Guyton Street (4:32 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 - River stage - 17.72 feet (6:21 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 - River stage -7.34 feet (6:45 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Neil Grantham Drive (10:42 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 - Alarm at Weeks Tire (2:15 a.m.); River stage - 8.94 feet (6:42 a.m.); Alarm at Whitman Drug (8:24 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 109 (10:37 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 87N (5:56 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at Mr. Henry's (7:38 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Lee Street (10:03 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 - River stage - 8.40 feet (6:39 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (1:01 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Burch's Trailer Court (4:00 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (5:52 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 - Disturbance reported on Hickman Avenue (1:23 a.m.); River stage - 8.20 feet (6:38 a.m.); Burglary reported at a residence on West Davis Street (1:53 p.m.).

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of March 26, 2001, through April 1, 2001. They were: Winnie James, Vida Roberts, Annice Emory, James Senn, Roy Henderson, Ben Sanders, Wendy Hanson, Mary Parrish, Betty Wilson, Shelia Magwood, Sonnie Holland, Mary Dawson, Sierra Hatfield, Hubert Wood, Jody Smith, Betty Goodwin, Kristy Miles, Eria Belcher, Terrence Greer, Holden Pruitt, Shenna Richards, Dudley Littleton, Christy Pugh, Lucille Stackhouse, Ruby Chandler, and Jacqueline Bundy.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Latricia Stoudemire, Vida Roberts, James Senn, Ben Sanders, James Marshall, Samantha Girouard, Clifford Blue, Roy Henderson, Winnie James, Annice Emory, Wendy Hanson, Shelia Magwood, Betty Wilson, Sierra Hatfield, Mary Parrish, Hubert Woods, Holden Pruitt, Sonnie Holland, Betty Goodwin, Mary Dawson, Eria Belcher, and Betty Parrish.

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More Happenings

ADC MEETING SCHEDULED The Coffee County Democratic Conference (ADC) will meet Saturday, April 7, at 10 a.m. at New Philadelphia Church of God in Christ, 265 County Road 501. All members and interested persons are asked to be present and on time.

EES KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION Elba Elementary School Kindergarten registration will be held Friday, April 20, in the Elba Elementary conference room from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. In order to register a new kindergartner, parents must bring: a copy of the Blue Immunization Record; a copy of the Birth Certificate; a copy of the Social Security Card; State Law now requires documentation from a Doctor that incoming kindergartners have had either the Chicken Pox Vaccine or the Chicken Pox Virus.

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- **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m.-City Hall
- **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday-6 p.m. - City Hall
- **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**-every Monday 6:30 p.m.-Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St.-Maggie Garrett Classroom
- **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** -2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
- **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thur. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office
- **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thur - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month- 7 p.m.
- **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
- **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
- **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon- Colony Inn, Enterprise
- **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room
- **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport -Driscoll hanger
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Even the leprechauns are green with envy over Elba's response to the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign. Many thanks to the thousands of people who donated to MDA and signed paper shamrocks in businesses in February and March. Their generous participation in Shamrocks will help MDA continue to provide families affected by neuromuscular diseases in our community with valuable services.

As one of many who has a loved one affected by a neuromuscular disease, I'm genuinely grateful for the caring support of customers and employees at convenience stores, supermarkets, restaurants and other retailers in Elba.

The 18th annual Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign raised more than $10 million nationally. These donations will help fund MDA-sponsored research.

On behalf of the millions of Americans affected in some way by the more than 40 diseases covered by MDA - thank you - and may St. Patrick bless you all year long!

Sincerely,
Maureen McGovern
National Chairperson, MDA Shamrocks Against Dystrophy
800-572-1717

Open letter to the editor:

I am doing research on the Griffin family and I need help from the general public.

My uncle, Claude Griffin, who was a police officer in Elba, died on May 29, 1930 as a results of injuries suffered in a roadblock. I am looking for information concerning this incident.

Also, information on Ebb Griffin (Claude's father and my grandfather), who died on December 18, 1951, would be appreciated.

I would be happy to pay for any information.

Thank you,
Richard Griffin
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provides for the sale of real property at the Company's Elba, Ala. facility, machinery and equipment, and the Company's Elba, Ala. and Cartersville, Ga. locations and raw material and work-in-process inventory at the Elba, Ala. and Cartersville, Ga. locations and the Company's intellectual property including its trade name. The Asset Purchase Agreement does not provide for the sale of the Company's real property at its Cartersville, Ga. location nor the Company's assets at its Dillon, S.C. location. The sale will not be finalized until the Bankruptcy Court has approved the Asset Purchase Agreement, bid procedures, and the final sales order.

The Company has previously filed a motion with the Bankruptcy Court for the sale of the personal property and inventory at its Dillon, S.C. location to private investors for approximately $250,000 subject to certain adjustments at closing and continuing royalty payments. The Bankruptcy Court has not yet approved that transaction.

The Company has been unsuccessful in developing a workable restructuring plan under Chapter 11. Thus management has determined that the best alternative for the Company is to sell the assets of the Company in order to maximize the benefit to the creditors and for the possibility of manufacturing operations resuming. As previously stated, the proceeds from the sale of the Company's assets after payment of secured creditors and administrative claims will not be sufficient to fully satisfy the claims of the Company's unsecured creditors nor will there be anything to distribute to the Company's shareholders.

The Company also announces today that Marilyn R. Marks, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company has resigned her position with the Company effective March 18, 2001.

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gave the police department's activity report for the month of March. He reported that officers issued 43 traffic citations; investigated two accidents, one burglary, fifteen thefts of property, four domestic violences, and two harassments; and made five arrests on warrants. Sixteen stray dogs were collected by the animal control officer. There were no fires calls answered by the fire department during the month.

The council was also informed that the police chief is presently working on a grant application for equipment to be used by the department. The list, which comes to a grand total of approximately $150,000, includes: new radios for the police and fire departments, two new computers, and two, possibly three, fully equipped police cars.

The next meeting of the town council will be on Monday, May 7, 2001, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the New Brockton Town Hall.

SBA urges storm & tornado victims to check on loans

Even if individuals had insurance, they should take the time to speak with a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan officer if they had any damage caused by the March 12th severe storms and tornadoes that hit Covington and Washington counties, according to Michael C. Allen, SBA Disaster Area Director.

"If you had no insurance, some insurance, or think you're fully covered by your insurance, you are still eligible to apply to SBA for help. And you shouldn't wait to settle your insurance claim before applying. We can adjust for any insurance settlement after a loan has been approved. Waiting to apply could cause you to miss the May 18th deadline for assistance," Allen said.

In addition to Covington and Washington counties, homeowners, renters, landlords, and business owners in Baldwin, Butler, Choctaw, Clark, Coffee, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Escambia, Geneva, and Mobile counties are also eligible for this assistance.

Allen added that people who think they're fully covered by their insurance are usually surprised to find that they still need extra funds to pay for repairs.

"Chances are that you'll end up needing the additional help SBA can provide through our low-interest disaster loan program. That's why I'm urging everyone to turn-in their completed SBA applications as soon as possible. Help us help you," said Allen.

The SBA disaster loan staff is available to help at the E-911 and EMA Building, 300 West Watson, in Andalusia, Ala. and at the MOWA Community Center, Topton Road (4 miles from Hwy. 43), in McIntosh, Ala. Both offices are open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, until further notice.

The deadline for SBA applications is May 18, 2001.

Obituaries

JAMES HENRY KILLINGSWORTH

Mr. James Henry Killingsworth, age 48, of 546 County Road 533, New Brockton, Ala., died March 27, 2001 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan.

Funeral services were held March 29, 2001 at Fairview Baptist Church with Rev. David Mount and Rev. Howard Moore officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his **wife**: Jennie Mae Killingsworth, New Brockton; two **daughters**: Sue Finger, Elba, Lynn Wallace, New Brockton; one **brother**: Danny Killingsworth, Brantley; one **sister**: Ruby Nell Killingsworth, New Brockton; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM ROYCE MILEY

Mr. William Royce Miley, age 36, of 28262 Highway 87, Jack, Ala., died March 30, 2001 at his residence.

Funeral services were held April 2, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Min. Walter Faulk, Min. Calvin Faircloth and Rev. Ben Amlong officiating. Burial followed in the Jack Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his **wife**: Patricia Denise Miley, Jack; two **daughters**: Patricia Morgan Miley and Virginia Devan Miley, both of Jack; his **mother and father**: Diane Miley and Donald Miley, Troy; two **brothers**: Chris Miley, Troy, Mark Miley, Goshen; two **sisters**: Dana Peckinpaugh, Indianapolis, Ind., Donna Renfroe, Brundidge; his **grandmother**: Liela Smith, Jack; his **father-in-law and mother-in-law**: L.P. Hussey and Sylvia Hussey, both of Jack.

DOROTHY JEAN HERMSMEIER

Mrs. Dorothy Jean Hermsmeier, age 73, of 2865 County Road 404, Elba, Ala., died April 2, 2001 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

Graveside services and burial were held April 3, 2001 at the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Dr. Robert Paul officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Hermsmeier was preceded in death by her husband, Archie Hermsmeier, a son, Gary Earl Hermsmeier, and a daughter, Carol Ann McGaha.

Survivors include a two **sons**: Walter Henry Hermsmeier, Mobile, James Allen Hermsmeier, Augusta, Ga.; a **daughter**: Penny Jean Anderson, Mobile; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

SARA VAUGHAN FULLER

Sara Vaughan Fuller, 81, of 2177 Co. Rd. 224, Elba, Ala., died April 3, 2001 in a Dothan hospital. Funeral arrangements were not available at press time and will be announced by Hayes Funeral Home.

LOUISE M. VAUGHAN

Louise M. Vaughan, age 81, of Elba, Ala., died April 3, 2001 in a Dothan hospital. Funeral arrangements were not available at press time and will be announced by Hayes Funeral Home.

"In Memory of Kacy Clark"

Kacy

Laura

This is from a friend who moved far away....
I felt I had to find a way....
so with this poem, my respects I pay....

I can't believe it has been a year....
When I heard the news I shed so many tears....
The friendship we had I held so dear....

On earth you were such a good leader....
So one day, God said, "I need her"....
In heaven I know you are doing a good job....
You are in his arms now, Our all mighty God....

On earth you lost the final race....
Your death they still investigate....
We will always remember your beautiful face....
But everyone knows you're in a better place....

Like everyone else I really miss you....
But I knew someday I will be with you too....
When I think about that I'm not so blue....
For I know in my heart that this is true....

For now your an angel, So spread your wings....
I can hear your trumpet and the joy it brings....
You are easing our sad hearts with the song you sing....
Kacy you have always done such loving and caring things....

Rest in Peace my Dear Friend....
I hope this poem will help hearts to mend....
I just knew it was something I had to send....
Just because she is not on this earth her life doesn't end....

I know Kacy, you will remember who I am....
But, for everyone else... "This is from her friend."
Laura Graham....

CARD OF THANKS

SIMMONS FAMILY

We want to say thank you to all the wonderful family and friends who have been so kind following Bea's accident. So many have supported us with your visits, cards, calls and prayers.

We are so grateful for those of you who have sent gifts brought a dish by to help out.

Your kindness has helped up through this difficult time of recovery.

God bless you all.

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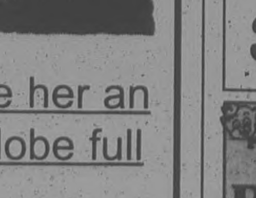
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CHURCH NEWS

Sunrise Services planned at Westside Baptist Church Sunday, April 15

Sunrise Services will be held Easter Sunday morning, April 15, at Westside Baptist Church located at 1026 Caroline Street in Elba. If weather permits, the services will be held outside.

Breakfast will be served following the services and everyone is invited.

Everyone invited to a Gospel Sing at Jack Assembly of God

Jack Assembly of God Church, located on Coffee County Road 208, will have a Gospel Singing on Saturday, April 7, beginning at 7 p.m. The featured group will be The Odom Family from Moultrie, Ga. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Scripture: Titus 3:1-11

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***Oak Grove Baptist Church of Elba will have its Choir Anniversary on Saturday, April 7, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 8, at 2:30 p.m. Oak Grove Jr. Choir, Oak Grove Sr. Choir and Bethlehem Choir will render music. Sermon by Rev. D. Cardwell, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Elba. All groups, choirs and soloists are invited to come and participate in this program.

***Kanika (Ki Ki) Belcher, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and Kathy Johnson, Alabama State University, Montgomery, visited their grandmother, Eria Lindsey Belcher; aunts, Evelyn B. Manning and Ernestine Kelley, all of Elba, and Juanita B. Brooks, Enterprise, during the AEA (spring break) holidays.

***Salem - Enterprise District Brotherhood Revival will be April 11-13 at 7 p.m. nightly at Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church in Enterprise. The evangelist will be Rev. Darrell Cardwell, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church of Elba. Wednesday, April 11, pulpit conductor will be Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr., St. Beulah Male Chorus will render music. Thursday, April 12, pulpit conductor will be Rev. W.J. Curry, Friendship Male Chorus will render music. Friday, April 13, pulpit conductor will be Rev. J.L. Grayer, Popular Spring Male Chorus will render music.

***Welcome to the first (trial) sermon of Joe Smith on Sunday, April 15, at 4:30 p.m. at St. Stephens AME Church in Opp. Everyone is invited.

***Youth Department Activities of the Rocky Head MB Church of Elba: • The youth group is selling tickets to the McRae's Spring Charity Sale; • Sponsoring a car wash April 7 in the Enterprise Wal-Mart parking lot; • "Festival in the Park," April 28 at Hawkins-Williams Park. This will take the place of their Mayfest this year. They are issuing a church challenge to all area churches.

***A Salad Tasting Tea, sponsored by the Mulberry Missionary District Matrons Dept., will be held at the Mulberry Heights High School in Elba on Saturday, April 7, at 4 p.m. Cal Howard will be the speaker.

***Welcome to the Annual Deacons' and Deaconesses' Appreciation of the Rocky Head Baptist Church of Elba on Sunday, April 8, at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor O.D. Culliver, New Pilgrim Baptist Church of River Falls, Ala.

***The State Youth Rally will be hosted by the Mulberry District Baptist Association on May 5 at the new Baptist Association Complex in Elba. The District Youth Choir will hold its first rehearsal on Saturday, April 14, at 2 p.m. at St. John Baptist Church in Luverne. All are invited to attend whether you're young or young-at-heart. All directors and/or pastors are asked to bring their choir members and two songs on cassette for consideration. Rehearsals will be limited; therefore, it is asked that you please bring a recorder or bring $2 to receive a copy of the songs. For questions, contact Sis. Joyce Jones or Sis. Patti Culver.

Today is a good day, be grateful!

Eria

DEADLINE FOR CHURCH NEWS IS MONDAY!!!!!!!

PHOTO OF BOY with Gameboy in his hand but focusing on the computer at his fellowship group. Notice too the others around him ignoring the Gameboy. Rachel Baxter, their CE leader wrote; "I told our kids they could bring their Gameboys to Super Kids Fellowship group. A few did such as this boy. But now they have all stopped bringing them; they prefer the computer lab - Go God!" The juxtaposition of the Gameboy and CE computer says a lot. $50 of free software to the kids at Elba.

Sasser's Mill Assembly of God Gospel Sing will be Saturday April 7th

Sasser's Mill Assembly of God Church, located on Hwy. 141 below Weedville, will have a gospel singing on Saturday, April 7, beginning at 7 p.m. The featured group will be Calvary from Brantley. Everyone is invited to attend.

Easter Drama JESUS " A Walk To The Cross" to be presented at Mt. Olive Baptist Church Saturday, April 7

The Easter Drama, JESUS "A Walk to the Cross," will be presented by the Children/Youth and members of Mt. Olive Baptist Church congregation on Saturday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and see the miracles of Jesus, The Last Supper, and the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Sacrificial Lamb. Mt. Olive Baptist Church is located on County Road 355 in the Pine Level Community of Elba.

Annual CWC Workshop set for April 7th

The Annual CWC Workshop at Harris Temple Church of God In Christ in Elba will be Saturday, April 7, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The theme will be Hope In God.

Coffee County General Cancer Support Group to meet Tuesday, April 17, at St. Luke Methodist Church

The Coffee County General Cancer Support Group meets every third Tuesday of each month in the fellowship hall of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Enterprise at 6:30 p.m. The support group is for cancer patients and their families seeking help and hope.

Barbecue & Gospel Sing scheduled at Elba Church of God, April 7th

The Elba Church of God is having a Barbecue Saturday, April 7th, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Plates will be $5.00, by the pound $6.00. Call to order or pick up - 897-2989 or 897-1593

The Higher Reach singers will be at the Elba Church of God Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the singing. Rev. Ron Stallard and church welcomes everyone. A love offering will be taken up. Let God be Praised.

Church Directory

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even.Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even.Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Elsie Phillips-Copes, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Tue. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even.Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even.Worship.....6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST
Rev. Bennett Abbott, Pastor
Church Service.....9:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
E. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....12:00 noon
1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. William Frank, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even.Worship.....7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Bonnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training.....5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting. Wed.....7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Bernard Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service.....6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Randy Neal, Minister
Bible Study.....9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROHECY
J. E. Wesley, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon.....5:30 p.m.
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Homer F. Moore, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service.....6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John I. Baxter, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Even. Services.....6:00 p.m.
Wed.Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
J. L. Grayer, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Danny Sherrer, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
Andy Marler, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John I. Baxter, Pastor
Morn. Worship.....8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirlie Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
Rick Hayes, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Gerry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Stephen Dubose, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:15 p.m.

KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
John Freeman, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Ron & Mary Stinson, Pastors
Saturday Service.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service.....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Youth Service.....6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Bobby Driver, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Hubert McWaters, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.

MT. ZION HOLINESS
Jimmie Bryan, Minister
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.
Tues. Prayer Service.....6:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Ray Layton, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.

MULBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST
E. B. Williams, Minister
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION
Mary Seavey
Sunday Morn. Service.....10:30 a.m.
Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service.....5:00 p.m.

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. Hirron & Linda Williams, Ministers
Sunday.....10 & 11 a.m.
Sunday Even.....7:00 p.m.
Wed. Even.....7:30 p.m.
Fri. Even.....7:30 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Wayne Webber
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST
Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet.....6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Eveg. Worship.....5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet.....6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Ben Amlong, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet.....6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Walter Faulk, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Serv.....6:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
J. C. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Keith Price, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.

PRAISE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Betty Morris, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon.....5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Larry Wise, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Silas Maulden
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.
Friday Prayer Meeting.....5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Ron Stallard, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
John D. Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Dr. Tony Dye, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Bruce Williams, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.

WISE HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST
Rev. Alfred Ikner, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Jimmy Maddox, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH
Nathan Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:00 p.m.

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LIFESTYLES

Brandi LeAnn Falls

Brandi Le Ann Falls is one year old

Brandi LeAnn Falls celebrated her first birthday on March 28, 2001.

Helping Brandi celebrate her birthday was her big sister, Marl. Many friends and family also joined in the celebration.

Bridal Registry

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Elba Parks & Recreation Dept. to hold 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Elba Parks and Recreation Department will hold its 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7. There will be two separate hunts: Youth age 12 and Under will hunt for eggs at 9 a.m. and the young-at-heart age 60 and Over will hunt for eggs at 2 p.m. This event will take place at Hawkins-Williams Park, located on Champ McCollough Drive.

The hunt will be $1 per person and is sponsored by the Elba Parks and Recreation, State Farm, Crazy Bills and The National Security Group, Inc. All proceeds raised will be used for Recreation Department.

Kennedy Jacob Cowen

Kennedy Jacob Cowen celebrates first birthday

Kennedy Jacob Cowen celebrated his first birthday with a "Dinosaur" birthday party on March 10, 2001. Many family and friends attended the party.

Kennedy turned 1-year-old on March 7, 2001. He is the son of Jake and Andrea Cowen of Elba.

C.C. Arts Alliance to hold 27th Annual Piney Woods Arts Festival April 21 & 22

The Coffee County Arts Alliance presents the 27th Annual Piney Woods Arts Festival on Saturday and Sunday, April 21 & 22. The festival will be on the grounds of Enterprise State Junior College. Festival hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Original art, crafts, special displays, food and entertainment will provide something for everyone. For the children there will be a fun center, a moon walk, face painting, and a tiny tots train ride.

Other events associated with the festival are:

- "Blooming in the Piney Woods" Horticulture Show and Competition (ESJC Multi-Purpose Room). For information, contact Leigh Cassady, 347-9724.
- Children's Fun Center. For information, contact Margaret Wingate, 393-6237.
- Enterprise Wings soccer games (ESJC soccer field). For information, contact Randy Halcomb, 393-2376.
- Weevil City Cruisers Fifth Annual Car and Truck Show (Saturday only). For information, contact Todd Ayer, 308-9154.

The Piney Woods Arts Festival is made possible in part by a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

"For more information on the Coffee County Arts Alliance, contact Suzanne Sawyer, CCAA president, 347-1602. For more information on Piney Woods Arts Festival, contact Mary Jon Sneckenberger, 347-1249 or Freida Richey, 393-2663.

Honor's Day planned at ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College's Twenty-eighth Annual Honors Day Assembly will be held on Wednesday, April 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lurleen Wallace Hall Student Center. ESJC's Honor Students, academic division honorees, transfer scholarship recipients, and President's Cup winner will be recognized. The public is invited to attend.

Republican Women of Coffee County to meet April 18

Republican Women of Coffee County will meet at Po Folk's Restaurant in Enterprise on Wednesday, April 18, at 11:30 a.m. for a luncheon meeting. Annette Griswold, Coffee County School Board Member, District 2, will be speaking on issues that concern the schools. The menu will be Parmesan chicken with spaghetti, salad, bread stick and drink for $7 inclusive. The public is invited. For reservations, call Joan Ayer at 347-1856.

Bridal Registry

Jill Martin & Josh Wilson
Shower 4/29/01 Wedding 5/19/01
Julie Mintx & Jason Holley
Shower 4/22/01 Wedding 6/9/01
Connie Clay & Patrick Ashcraft
Reception 4/28/01 Wedding 5/27/01
Misti Kelley & Lance Tindol
Wedding 6/2/01
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Wedding 6/23/01

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SCHOOLS

Top Ten in Elba High School's Graduating Class of 2001

Bethany Lynn Dye

Bethany Lynn Dye, daughter of Dr. Tony and Mrs. Shirlon Dye, is first in the Elba High School Class of 2001. She plans to attend Troy State University in the fall and is considering a major in journalism. Bethany commented, "I'm not exactly sure what the future holds, but I know I want a job working with people."

Bethany is involved in band, Girl Scout Troop 300, Sr. Beta Club, Tri-M, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Club, and is a member of Westside Baptist Church.

Bethany currently serves as Band Captain, Editor of "Tiger Tales", Tiger Representative, Vice President of Girl Scout Troop 300 and Senior Representative of FCA.

Cammie Renee Kelley

Cammie Renee Kelley, daughter of Jerry and Theresa Kelley, is second in the Elba High School Class of 2001. She plans to attend Auburn University in the fall where she will work for a double major in secondary education and international business. She also hopes to marry and have four beautiful children."

Cammie is a member of Sr. Beta Club, Varsity Cheerleading squad, Journalism/Yearbook Staff, Girl Scout Troop #300 and Ino Baptist Church. She also serves as a volunteer for the Salvation Army.

Cammie currently serves as Senior Class President, Captain of the Varsity Cheerleaders, Sr. Beta Club Secretary, President of Girl Scout Troop #300 and Editor of the Elbala.

Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC) recently announced the winners and runners-up of its annual Washington Youth Tour program. Shown from left, Elba High School's third alternate, Casey Skinner; runner-up, Katie Grimes; second alternate, Michelle Adkins; winner, Wesley Kelley; and first alternate, Stephanie Sasser. The winner and runner-up receive an expense-paid trip to the Alabama Rural Electric Association (AREA) annual meeting in April in Montgomery. The winner receives an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in June. AEC sponsors the Youth Tour program at Elba High School, Andalusia High School, Opp High School and Pike County High School.

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Valiece LaShay Moore

Valiece LaShay Moore, daughter of Rachel and Valerie Moore, is third in the Elba High School Class of 2001. She plans to attend Troy State University or the University of Alabama. Valiece is considering accounting as her major.

Valiece's activities include Mu Alpha Theta, SGA Senior Representative and working at the District Attorney's Office through the co-op program.

Valiece serves as the EHS Danceline Captain, Band Auxiliary Captain, Sr. Beta Vice President and VICA President.

Roshanda Amy McKinnon

Roshanda Amy McKinnon, daughter of Rev. Rubin McKinnon and Mrs. Ammie Jean McKinnon, is fourth in the Elba High School Class of 2001. Roshanda is undecided on a college, but plans to major in business and law. On the subject of her plans for the future, Roshanda commented, "God willing, I will be in the WNBA or otherwise involved in sports. If that does not happen, I want to be a civil rights lawyer."

Roshanda is involved in Sr. Beta Club, EHS Chorus and FCA.

Roshanda currently serves as the Senior Class Vice President and an SGA Representative.

Carmenda Coleman

Carmenda Coleman, daughter of Carman Coleman and Maurice Elliard, is fifth in the Elba High School Class of 2001. She plans on attending the University of Alabama in Birmingham and majoring in obstetrics or pediatrics.

Carmenda is a member of Sr. Beta Club, the EHS Journalism/Yearbook Staff and is the EHS Varsity Cheerleading Squad co-captain.

Carmenda currently serves as Senior Class Treasurer and has been pursuing the advanced diploma since the ninth grade.

Amanda Beerenstrauch

Amanda Renee Beerenstrauch, daughter of Arnold and Shelia Beerenstrauch, is sixth in the Elba High School Class of 2001. She plans on attending Troy State University in the fall and pursuing a career in the medical field.

Amanda's activities include band, Sr. Beta Club, Spanish Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Tri-M and the EHS Journalism/Yearbook Staff.

Amanda currently serves as Treasurer of Sr. Beta, Tiger Representative, Editor of "Tiger Tales," First Lieutenant of the EHS band and trumpet section leader.

GRRREAT JOB!!

Amy Marie Kirkland

Amy Marie Kirkland, daughter of Jerry and Teresa Kirkland, is seventh in the Elba High School Class of 2001. She plans on attending Auburn University in the fall and majoring in elementary education. Amy aspires to earn her master's degree in education and get a job teaching kindergarten.

Amy is a member of Girl Scout Troop 300, Sr. Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Club and the EHS Journalism/Yearbook Staff.

Amy serves as a Tiger Representative, Vice President of Girl Scout Troop 300 and Editor of the Elbala. Amy is also Elba High School's DAR Good Citizen.

Leanne Mallory

Leanne Mallory, daughter of Fred and Sandy Mallory, is eighth in the Elba High School Class of 2001. She plans to attend Huntingdon College and major in theater and history education. On the subject of her future plans, Leanne commented, "Good Lord willing I will be a singer, but if that does not work out I plan to become a history teacher."

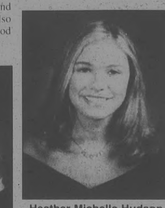
Leanne is involved in Senior Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Journalism/Yearbook Staff, the EHS band and the EHS majorettes.

Leanne's honors include Senior Beta Club President, EHS's Girl State representative, the secretary of Mu Alpha Theta and Editor of "Tiger Times."

Jeremy Paul Sasser

Jeremy Paul Sasser, son of Dennis Paul Sasser and Dolores Moore Dixon, is ninth in the Elba High School Class of 2001. After graduation, he plans to attend Auburn University and pursue a degree in engineering. Jeremy says he plans to "graduate from college and settle down somewhere not too far away."

Jeremy's activities include hunting, fishing and riding horses. He is actively involved in FFA, in which he serves as President and has attended many competitions, such as the Southeast District FFA Sentinel.



Heather Michelle Hudson

Heather Michelle Hudson, daughter of Chuck and Thadia Hudson, is tenth in the Elba High School Class of 2001. She plans to attend Enterprise State Junior College and then transfer to designer school in Georgia. "I plan to travel quite a bit, then later move to California and become a clothing designer," Heather says.

Heather is a member of Sr. Beta Club, FBLA, Mu Alpha Theta and VICA.

Heather serves as Secretary of FBLA. She was chosen for the titles of "Miss Congenality" and second runner-up for the Miss Elba pageant.

Support Our Youth & Education

Elba Elementary School Menu
April 9 - 13, 2001

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	**Monday** - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	**Tuesday** - Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	**Wednesday** - Barbeque, Rice, Cole Slaw, Bread, 1/2 Apple
Thursday - Pop Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk	**Thursday** - Sliced Turkey, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, English Peas, Roll, Easter Cake, Milk
Friday - Holiday - Good Friday	**Friday** - Holiday - Good Friday

NEWS From ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College's popular special interest course, Using the Microcomputer Level II, is offered in a third session this spring semester. This course is designed for those who have experience with keyboarding. Participants will learn the concepts of computer hardware components and database management and spreadsheets using Microsoft Works software. Successful completion of Using the Microcomputer Level I is recommended but not required. A 3 1/2" diskette is required for the first class. There is a $40.00 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is April 9. Class meets Mondays and Tuesdays, April 16-24, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first 15 to register. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Enterprise State Junior College's Tau Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for two-year institutions, won honors recently during the 2001 Regional Convention held in Gulf Shores, Alabama. The chapter received the Travel Award, which is based on how many people traveled the greatest distance to attend the convention. They won an award for their $500.00 pledge to the Scholarship Fund. And they won a Five Star Chapter Award, which encompasses the four Hallmarks of Leadership, Scholarship, Service, and Fellowship which the organization emphasizes. The Tau Mu Chapter was one in six chapters state-wide to receive this award.

Chapter President, Bonnie Martin, was awarded the Golden Key, which is given to those chapter officers who show outstanding performance, dedication, and leadership abilities.

Enterprise State Junior College's Fine Arts Division will present its annual Spring Concert featuring the ESJC College and Community Band, Singers, and Entertainers. The Concert will be held on Tuesday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m., in Lurleen Wallace HallStudent Center. There is no charge for admission, and the public is cordially invited. For more information, contact Dr. Richard Snyder at 334-393-ESJC, ext. 319 or rsnyder@esjc.cc.al.us.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, default having been made in the term of the first mortgage executed on the 2nd day of December, 1996, by **Jim Dubose,** as Mortgagor in favor of **The Peoples Bank of Coffee County,** as Mortgagees, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Elba, Alabama, in OR Book 14A, pages 154-158 on December 2, 1996, respectively, and said default continuing, the Mortgagee, under power of sale contained in said mortgage will sell at auction for cash to the highest bidder on the steps of the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, Alabama, at **11:00 a.m.** on the **12th** day of **April,** 2001, the following described real estate embraced in said mortgage, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to wit:

A lot or parcel of land in the City of Elba, Alabama, lying on the South side of Ann Street (as extended) and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot No. 7, Payne Subdivision, according to the plat of same as recorded in the Probate Records of Coffee County, Alabama, Misc. Book 9, pages 427, and running thence South 31°24' West a distance of 50 feet to the South margin of Ann Street; thence running North 58°36' West along the South margin of Ann Street (as extended) a distance of 300 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel herein conveyed (this point is also the Northwest corner of a lot formerly owned by Hollis Davis and subsequently by Richard Flowers, Jr.); thence continuing in a Northwesterly direction along the South margin of Ann Street (as extended) a distance of 160 feet, more or less, to a point (this point is also the intersection of the South margin of Ann Street and the East margin of Elba Bypass Connector, (also known as Alabama Highway No. 203); thence in a Southeasterly direction along the East margin of Elba Bypass Connector, also known as Alabama Highway No. 203, a distance of 190 feet, more or less, to a point (said point being on the West boundary of the lot formerly owned by Hollis Davis and subsequently by Richard Flowers, Jr.); thence in a Northeasterly direction 100 feet, more or less, to the South margin of Ann Street (as extended) and the point of beginning. The parcel herein conveyed is a triangular lot and is bound on the Northeast by Ann Street, on the Southeast by a lot formerly owned by Hollis Davis and subsequently by Richard Flowers, Jr., and on the Southwest by Elba Bypass Connector (Alabama Highway No. 203). And all improvements thereon.

NOTE: The lot conveyed herein is a part of a larger tract of land heretofore conveyed by John C. Elder and wife, Ann P. Elder to Richard Flowers, Jr. and wife, Foye Flowers, by Warranty Deed dated February 14, 1970, and recorded in the Office of Judge of Probate, Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, in Deed Book 53A, page 261. Said conveyance was made prior to the creation of Elba Bypass Connector, otherwise known as Alabama Highway 203. Subsequent to said conveyance, a large portion of the original lot was deeded to the State of Alabama for the purpose of creating said highway.

Said Foreclosure sale will be made under the terms contained in said mortgage and in accordance with the law causes made and provided for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgages, all unpaid taxes or special assessments, together with the expense of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The sale and conveyance made under this foreclosure will be made subject to existing federal tax liens, if any, and/or special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property.

Mortgagees reserve the right to bid on the subject property. Said mortgage is a first mortgage and is not junior to another mortgage of record. Said sale is also subject to unpaid taxes and assessments whether of record or not.

Dated this the 15th day of March, 2001.

/s/ Jeff W. Kelley
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3-22;29;4-5chg

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, default having been made in the term of the first mortgage executed on the 8th day of May, 1998, by **Jim Dubose and Jane Dubose,** as Mortgagors in favor of **The Peoples Bank of Coffee County,** as Mortgagees, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Elba, Alabama, in OR Book 36A, pages 396-399 on December 15, 1998, respectively, and said default continuing, the Mortgagee, under power of sale contained in said mortgage will sell at auction for cash to the highest bidder on the steps of the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, Alabama, at **11:00 a.m.** on the **12th** day of **April,** 2001, the following described real estate embraced in said mortgage, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to wit:

A lot or parcel of land in Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the West line of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 18, T5N, R21E with the North side of U.S. Highway No. 84 and thence Easterly along the North side of said highway, 934 feet to the East side of an unpaved county road; thence N1°-50'E along the East side of said road, 1012.6 feet to the starting point; thence continuing N1°-50'E along the East side of said road, 97 feet; thence S88°-10'E, 210 feet; thence S1°-50'W,97 feet; thence N88°-10'W, 210 feet to the starting point. Said lot being in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 18, T5N, R21E and containing 0.468 acres, more or less.

Said Foreclosure sale will be made under the terms contained in said mortgage and in accordance with the law causes made and provided for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgages, all unpaid taxes or special assessments, together with the expense of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The sale and conveyance made under this foreclosure will be made subject to existing federal tax liens, if any, and/or special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property.

Mortgagees reserve the right to bid on the subject property. Said mortgage is a first mortgage and is not junior to another mortgage of record. Said sale is also subject to unpaid taxes and assessments whether of record or not.

Dated this the 15th day of March, 2001.

/s/ Jeff W. Kelley
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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, Marion Ziglar, executed to First National Bank of Brundidge on the 11th day of December, 1996, a Mortgage upon the real estate hereinafter described to secure an indebtedness described therein, said Mortgage being recorded in Official Records Book 14A, Page 281 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County of Elba, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Mortgage and in the performance of the terms of said Mortgage and said default continuing;

NOW, THEREFORE, First National Bank of Brundidge, the owner of said Mortgage, will sell, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on Tuesday, April 10, 2001, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Courthouse door of Coffee County, in the City of Elba, Alabama, the real estate embraced in said Mortgage described as follows:

PARCEL II: A parcel of land situated within the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 1, Township 7 North, Range 21 East, Coffee County, Alabama, being more particularly described and bound as follows: Beginning on the north forty line of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 1 at its point of intersection with the east margin of County Road No. 101, and running thence East along the north forty line for a distance of 80 feet, more or less to the northeast corner of said forty; thence running South along the east forty line for a distance of 780 feet, more or less to a point (being the NE corner of the tract of land this date conveyed to Dorothy Ziglar Bechtold); thence due west along a line parallel with the south line of said forty (and along the north line of the Dorothy Z. Bechtold property) for a distance of 640 feet, more or less, to the east margin of Coffee County Road No. 101; thence northeasterly along the east right-of-way line of said county road for a distance of 805 feet, more or less to the point of beginning.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of realizing the Mortgage debt, together with all expenses of this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

This 19th day of March, 2001.

First National Bank of Brundidge
The Owner of Said Mortgage
3-22,29;4-5chg

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The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

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200 Buford Street
Elba, AL 36323

Office of the Engineer:
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Dothan, AL 36303

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of the Engineer located at 300 North Foster Street / Dothan, AL 36303, (334) 793-5378, upon payment of $30.00 for each set.*

Any BIDDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS promptly and in good condition, will be refunded the payment, and any non-bidder upon so returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be refunded $ NONE.

March 29, 2001
MAYOR JAMES E. GRIMES
CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA
3/29,4/5chg.

LEGAL NOTICE

Tommy Faison, whose whereabouts are unknown, is hereby given notice that the rent on Mini-Storage Unit #3 is now past due and the contents therein will be sold if the amount past due is not paid within 14 days of this notice.
Southern Country Mini-Storage
Beth DuBose-Henderson
Owner
3/29,4/5chg.

LEGAL NOTICE

Vernon Meadows, whose whereabouts are unknown, is hereby given notice that the rent on Mini-Storage Unit #3 is now past due and the contents therein will be sold if the amount past due is not paid within 14 days of this notice.
Southern Country Mini-Storage
Beth DuBose-Henderson
Owner
3/29,4/5chg.

LEGAL NOTICE

Richard Moss, whose whereabouts are unknown, is hereby given notice that the rent on Mini-Storage Unit #8 is now past due and the contents therein will be sold if the amount past due is not paid within 14 days of this notice.
Southern Country Mini-Storage
Beth DuBose-Henderson
Owner
3/29,4/5chg.

ESTATE OF
MYRTLE F. SELLERS
DECEASED

PROBATE COURT
PC-01-18

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of April, 2001, by the Hon. William O. Gammill Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Patsy S. Meek
Personal Representative
4/5,12,19chg.

ESTATE OF
D. L. PADGETTE
DECEASED

PROBATE COURT
PC-01-17

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of March, 2001, by the Hon. William O. Gammill Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ James R. Poole
Personal Representative
4/5,12,19chg.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COFFEE

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LESS AND EXCEPT: A tract or parcel of land conveyed to the State of Alabama by warranty deed dated 10-11-82, and recorded in Deed Book 79A, Page 575, Probate Office, Elba, Coffee County, Alabama.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness and expenses incident to the sale, including but not limited to, a reasonable attorney's fee, as provided by the terms of said mortgage and the laws of the State of Alabama.

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One lot of land, together with all improvements thereon, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the South boundary line of the NE1/4 of NW1/4 of Section 19, Township 5 North, Range 20 East and the East right of way line of Alabama State Highway 189 (Elba-Kinston Paved Highway), thence running South 09°36'East (all bearings are magnetic) along said East right of way line of said highway for a distance of 310.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, the Northwest corner of the lot herein described; thence running North 83°30' East a distance of 200.0 feet to a point; thence running South 09°36' East a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence running South 83°30' West a distance of 200.0 feet to a point on said East right of way line of said highway, and thence running North 09°36' West along said East right of way line of said highway for 100.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said land lying and being situated in the SE1/4of NW1/4of Section 19, Township 5 North, Range 20 East and situated, lying and being in the County of Coffee and State of Alabama.

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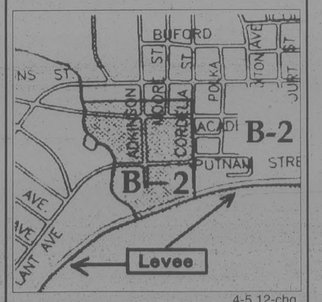
LEGAL NOTICE

The Elba Planning and Zoning Board will hold a public hearing at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, on Thursday, April 19th, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. to consider a proposal by the City of Elba to rezone property which centers on Adkinson and Davis Streets from R-3 to B-2, as shown on the accompanying map. A complete description of the property is on file at Elba City Hall.



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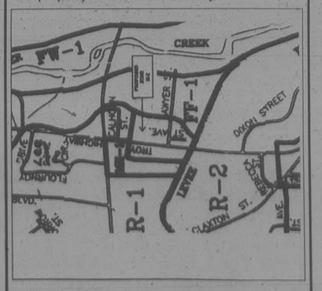

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SPORTS

Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

When we moved out into the country it seemed like the cat population in the area grew almost instantly. Our neighbors had a couple of cats that had kittens, and now that the kittens have grown up, they too are about to become Moms, which means that before long the cats will far outnumber the people. When the latest batch is born I am sure there will be cats of all shapes, sizes and colors on our dirt road, and if anyone wants a kitten, just let me know. They will be there for the taking!

LET'S TALK SPORTS...

*** If the rainy weather that dumped over 16 inches of rain on Elba during the month of March will take a hike, the Elba High Tigers and Lady Tigers will get the chance to hit the field for some serious baseball and softball action.

The Tigers, which had four games rained out last month, are scheduled to play three games a week for the next three weeks as they begin their run to the playoffs, and four of the nine games will be key area games that will determine which two teams in the area will advance. Elba has the players and the skills to make the playoffs, but must get back to the fundamentals on defense and stop making errors if they are to have a chance in post-season play. The Tigers made 12 errors in a recent loss to Samson, and while the Tigers are pretty good, they aren't anywhere near good enough to overcome that many mistakes. If Elba's pitchers will keep throwing strikes and the defense will step forward and make some plays, the Tigers should still be a threat come playoff time.

The Lady Tigers also had four games rained out last month, but will get the chance to play all the games they want this month as they have 24 games and 3 tournaments on the schedule for April. The Lady Tigers were expected to be in a rebuilding mode this season after losing seven starters, but opened the season with a double-header sweep over Pleasant Home, and appeared to be much better than anyone expected. Well, the Lady Tigers have now not played a game in over two weeks, and must literally start all over again when they take the field this week. The key to the Lady Tigers this season should be how well they can hit the ball, and how they handle playing so many games in such a short span of time. The guess here is that the girls will get more than their share of wins and give their fans plenty to cheer about.

*** If you see more than the usual number of school buses in Elba during the month of April don't be surprised, the Zion Chapel Rebels and Lady Rebels are playing their baseball and softball games at Legion Field and Hawkins-Williams Park, and that means the roads will be crowded with buses, and cars. The Rebels will play four games this month at Legion Field, while the Lady Rebels are scheduled to play six games at Hawkins-Williams. Zion Chapel High School has fields under construction on its campus and next season plans to play at the school, but until then, will call Elba home at least as far as athletics is concerned.

*** The final numbers are in for the number of teams in the youth baseball and softball leagues in Elba, and it looks like another banner year for the Elba Recreation Department and all of its players and coaches. In baseball there will be a total of 32 teams in six leagues, while over in softball there will be 20 teams playing ball. That's a total of 52 regular season teams with over 650 players and 130 coaches taking part. Looks like a bust few months ahead for the kids and their parents!

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association released the student populations of its member schools last week, along with the change in regions for the 2002-2004 school years, and while a number of schools did change classes, and regions, there were really very few surprises in the numbers. The numbers, which includes students in grades 10-12, and ninth grade hold-backs, showed that Elba had 216.2 students and ranked 61st out of the 68 schools in Class 3A, an increase in student population from two years ago. The largest school in 3A is Oak Grove, with 291.7 students, while T.R. Miller dropped from 4A to the 21st largest 3A school in the state with 265.98 students. Another change worth noting was Straughn, which moved up from 2A and is ranked 48th in 3A with 226.88 students. Zion Chapel ranked 44th in Class 1A with 106.45 students, followed by Kinston in 46th with 103.68 students. Brantley moved up slightly and is now the 30th largest school in 1A with 114.35 students. An interesting note in the 1A ranks comes near the bottom of the list, where McKenzie, a small school that always struggles just to field athletic teams, was ranked 69th, but was ahead of 1A powerhouse Courtland, which was 71st, with two fewer students. New Brockton ranked 60th out of 69 2A teams with an enrollment of 156.43, but it was still ahead of Georgiana, which was at 62nd, and Wicksburg, which was last at 148.13. A newcomer to the 2A ranks was Luverne, which fell from 3A and ranked only 28th as a 2A school, while another newcomer was Washington County, which dominated in football and basketball this year as a 3A school, and will now be the 5th largest 2A member. Barbour County made the jump up to 3A and will be the 6th largest school in the class with 284.63 students, which means that in the 2001-2002 school year the jaguars will certainly be the largest 2A school in the history of the state. The figures in Class 4A revealed that Geneva slipped to 59th of the 64 schools in the classification with an enrollment of 302.48, while Opp was nearby with 305.95 students. Andalusia was ranked 12th in the class with 375.05 students, and newcomer Hillcrest, of Evergreen, slipped down from 5A and came in at #24 with 353.13 students. The student population in Class 5A ranges from a high of 778.3 at Robertsdale to only 427.95 at Briarwood Christian, a difference of over 350 students in only three grades! With an average difference of over 115 students per grade, the level of play of 5A may vary greatly. In Class 6A, it was revealed that Robert E. Lee was the state's largest school with 1,614.15 students, while Enterprise ranked 8th with 1,179.07. The folks over in Enterprise have been crying for years that they simply didn't have the athletes to compete any more in 6A. Well, Enterprise may not have the athletes, but they sure do have the students to choose from! Another note worth mentioning in 6A was Smiths Station coming in at #18 out of the 50 schools in the class. The Smiths Station school has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years, and while the community may not even have a red light, its school has 1,028 students in its top three grades. There are a lot of people living in the woods up near Smiths Station.

*** In closing...the youth baseball and softball seasons will begin in just over a week here in Elba, and I urge everyone to come out and watch the kids play ball.

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Tigers see record slip to 2-4

Elba errors prove fatal in 10-3 loss

The Elba Tigers saw their record slip to 2-4 last week with a disappointing 10-3 loss to the Samson Tigers, in Samson.

The Tigers jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Brandon Petty led off with a single, and raced home one batter later on an rbi double by Brandon Salter.

Elba threatened to add to its lead in the second as Derrick Thomas and Clay Sutley both collected hits. However, a fielder's choice and an inning-ending double play wiped out the scoring opportunity, and Elba's lead remained at 1-0.

Samson managed only two hits in its half of the second against Elba starter Brandon Salter, but the hometown Tigers took advantage of six Elba errors to plate four unearned runs and grabbed a 4-1 lead after two innings of play.

Elba bounced right back with two runs in the top of the third to cut the Samson lead to 4-3. A one-out double by Jason Curran ignited the Elba rally, while Marcus Henderson came through with an rbi single to drive in Curran, and Henderson later scored on a two-out rbi single by Ralston Moore.

Samson added single runs in both the third and fourth innings to up its lead to 6-3, then plated four runs in the bottom of the sixth to blow the game open and claim the big 10-3 win.

Derrick Thomas got 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Brandon Salter, Marcus Henderson and Ralston Moore all had rbi's. Salter took the loss on the mound as he pitched 5 innings and allowed no earned runs on only 3 hits, while striking out 3 batters.

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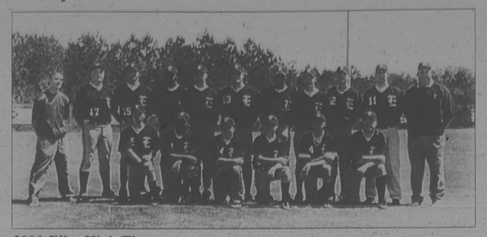

2001 Elba High Tigers (Bill Miller Photo)

April will be a busy month for Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers

The high school baseball and softball season has been underway for several weeks, but the teams now have spring break behind them and will begin to hit the field almost daily as the seasons hit full stride.

The Elba Tigers struggled to a 2-4 slate prior to spring break with a line-up that included only two seniors, and Coach Wynn Grimes has to be hoping that his Tigers will bounce back strong in the coming weeks as they play three games a week for the remainder of the season. Senior Brandon Salter has been solid on the mound and at the plate, while Marcus Henderson and Jason Curran have both been swinging hot bats. The Tigers' downfall in early games has been on defense, where they have struggled in almost every game, and closed out the pre-break schedule with a 12 error performance in a loss to Samson.

"We have had a lot of games and practices rained out," stated Coach Grimes, "and with a team as young as ours we really need the extra work we get in practice. It seems like when we get to practice we play okay, and when it rains us out at practice we fall apart the next time we take the field. We have now been practicing and playing for over seven weeks, and it is time to become a team and play to win. We have nine games left on the schedule, including four area games, and the time has come to play well or sit at home when the playoffs get started in late April."

The Elba Lady Tigers managed to get in only two games prior to spring break due to the rainy weather, but will definitely make up for lost time in the coming weeks as they have 24 games and three tournaments on the schedule in the month of April!

The Lady Tigers will challenge such powers as Andalusia, Opp, Samson, Luverne and New Brockton over the next four weeks, as well as newcomer Geneva County and cross-county rival Kinston. Tournaments will be played in Pleasant Home, Samson and Elba.

"We are scheduled to play games on 15 days in April," said Coach Amelia Rhoades, "and the girls all know what it will take to be successful with that many games in such a short amount of time. They are ready to play after all the rain, and we just hope we can play well and get into a routine."

The Lady Tigers are led by the senior duo of Melissa Mularz and Roshanda McKinnon, while junior Rachel Bludsworth and sophomore Devri Kilcrease have both been swinging hot bats in early-season action.

Umpires needed for youth baseball and softball leagues in Elba

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a meeting on Sunday, April 8, at 7 p.m., for anyone age 16 and over that is interested in umpiring youth baseball and softball this spring and summer in Elba and New Brockton. The seasons in both baseball and softball will begin on April 16, and games will be played on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights. For more information contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Softball tourney set for Clayhatchee

The Town of Clayhatchee will be sponsoring a men's Class C and below softball tournament on April 14 at the Clayhatchee ballpark. Cost to enter will be $110 per team, and each team must hit its own softballs. A 5 home-run rule will be used, and the deadline to enter will be April 12 and 6 p.m. Trophies will go to the top three teams, and to enter a team must call 598-4321 or 598-4322.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DIAMOND DATES

*** BASEBALL ***

Thursday, April 5
Elba at Opp (5:00)
New Brockton at Kinston (4:00)

Friday, April 6
Elba at Luverne (4:00)
Slocomb vs. Zion Chapel, in Elba (6:00)

Saturday, April 7
Straughn at New Brockton (4:00)

Monday, April 9
Elba at Highland Home (3:00)
Zion Chapel at Slocomb (6:00)
Straughn at Brantley (3:30)

Tuesday, April 10
Samson at Elba (4:00)
New Brockton at Geneva County
Brantley at Ariton (5:00)

*** SOFTBALL ***

Thursday, April 5
Andalusia at Elba (2) 3:30
New Brockton at Straughn (2) 4:00

Friday, April 6
Pleasant Home Tournament
Elba vs. New Brockton (6:00)
Zion Chapel at Pike County (2) 4:00

Saturday, April 7
Pleasant Home Tournament

Monday, April 9
Elba at Opp (2) 3:30
New Brockton vs. Zion Chapel, in Elba (2) 4:30

Tuesday, April 10
Elba at Geneva County (2) 3:30
Kinston at New Brockton (2) 3:30

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SPORTS

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Tips on buying an outboard motor

Spring has sprung as the old chique goes, and with it outdoor people's thoughts turn to turkey hunting, camping, fishing and boating. Many will be buying their first boat and motor and some will be replacing that old worn out kicker with something a little more reliable for cruising the waterways.

If you're in the market for an outboard motor, whether it's a pair of counter-rotating dual engines for an offshore fishing boat or a small outboard to get to your favorite bream or crappie hole, the cheapest motor isn't necessarily the best buy.

David Grigsby, Product Manager for Yamaha Outboards (1-800 YAMAHA) says it's the value you receive from your dollars that should be important.

"Outboards provide the most horsepower and performance per dollar, and they are the easiest and most economical to maintain," said Grigsby. He suggests the following points to consider when shopping for a new outboard.

Low emission outboards: Two-stroke or four-stroke outboards are available. Which one to buy will depend on how you use your boat? Marine dealers can help you decide. Choose one that is fuel-efficient and clean burning.

Oil injection: An outboard with oil injection eliminates the need to mix oil and gas. Look for an oil injection system that injects oil directly into the manifold for better performance. This option is usually found on motors from 25hp up.

Fuel/oil ratio: Conventional 2-stroke outboards mix oil and gas for lubrication. Some manufactures still manufacture motors using a 50:1 or twice as much oil as the 100:1 ration pioneered by Yamaha. The 100:1 ratio gives a smoother running engine with a less noticeable "blue smoke" trail.

Propshaft rated horsepower: Some companies in the past rated horsepower at the powerhead. It's the horsepower measured at the propshaft that counts. The difference can be up to 10% usable power. Ask the marine dealer where the horsepower is measured, at the powerhead or the propshaft.

Engine Protection: Make certain your investment is protected. Quality manufacturers build in sensors to help prevent damage from over-revving, overheating and low engine oil. The systems vary, but typically will use horns, buzzers, light, and even decrease the rpm of the engine gradually to protect it from further damage.

Corrosion protection: When an outboard is not being used they can be left out in the hot sun, stored in freezing garages over the winter, exposed to salt water and generally ignored when not in use. Ask your dealer to explain how sacrificial zinc anodes protect your engine.

These replaceable inexpensive anodes are placed in key areas of the outboard engine that are designed to attract corrosive elements first, protecting the more expensive engine parts.

Grigsby cautions buyers to check the outboard's overall appearance. Look for quality. If it's there, you can see the difference. Also be careful when comparing standard equipment on one brand versus options on another. Do the math to see which one offers the most value.

SPOTLIGHT ON
OUTDOORS

CARL PRICE...killed this turkey while hunting near the Wise Mill Community with his son, John. The gobbler sported an 11 inch beard and 1 1/2 inch spurs, and weighed in at 23 pounds.

Tim Hudson wins Roadrunner feature

Ronnie Sanders wins rain-delayed Rattler 150 at SAS

By Mark Chisum

The 25th running of the Rattler 150 at South Alabama Speedway is finally in the books. The weekend started three weeks ago but was postponed due to rain. For Ronnie Sanders, it was an especially long weekend. His weekend involved an unnecessary engine change and an overheating race-car. But in the end, Sanders was smiling in Victory lane.

During Saturday's practice, and even into qualifying, Sanders wasn't pleased with his car's performance. They decided to change the engine after qualifying Saturday, but that didn't solve the problem. After a couple of phone calls, the problem was found to be the rear end gears. A quick gear change, that problem solved. His other problem came late in the race.

Dan Beddingfield turned the fastest time in qualifying, but inversion put DuWayne Middlebrooks on the pole. However, Middlebrooks' car stalled during the pace laps, moving Beddingfield back to the pole.

On the green flag, Beddingfield jumped to an early lead, followed by William Wambles, John Wilkinson III, Bubba Naumann, and Wayne Willard. It didn't take long for Wilkinson to make his presence known, as he took the lead on lap 9. Wilkinson stretched his lead as the others jockeyed behind him. Willard was the early mover, advancing quickly from his eighth place starting spot, By lap 27, Willard had moved to second. Sanders had moved from fifth to third, while Beddingfield was headed in the other direction.

Wilkinson looked set to dominate the event, however, on lap 45, he was caught up in a wreck involving lapped cars. Wilkinson was done for the day, and Willard took over the lead. A third of the way through the event, Willard led Sanders, Naumann, Bedding-field, and Ken McFarland. The field went green for a good stretch from laps 59-80. A rash of yellows kept the pace slowed between laps 81-114. During the stretch, Middlebrooks pitted, handing the lead to Sanders. The race remained green for the remaining 35 laps once the green was dropped on lap 115.Sanders built a seemingly comfortable lead, followed by Middlebrooks and Willard. Willard got by Middlebrooks on lap 131 for second and set out for Sanders.

As the race headed toward conclusion, Sanders' Monte Carlo began to overheat, water spewing from the overflow vent. Sanders had to slow his pace a bit, while Willard picked his up. With two to go, Willard was on Sanders' bumper. But Sanders used a lapped car to help hold off a charging Willard to take home his third Rattler trophy. Middlebrooks was third at the end, followed by McFarland, and Wambles.

Sixth through tenth went to Beddingfield, Scooter Grice, Naumann, Frank King, and Dale Little.

In local action, 200 Super Stock Champion Jody Henderson found water in his oil after he arrived at the track Sunday morning. He and his crew rushed back to the shop, changed engines, then returned in time to fall in at the rear of the 15-car field. Okie Mason led the first lap before giving way to Jesse Reid. Reid led laps 2-21, but Henderson was putting on a show, moving into second place by lap 11. Henderson moved inside of Reid on lap 22 and went on to win.

Doug Rogers took the lead on lap 16 when Curtis Galbreath experienced mechanical problems and went on to win the Modified Feature. Damon Hammond was second.

In the Roadrunner Feature, Tim Hudson took the win over Jerry Martin. Mike Boykin was third.

For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539 or visit the tracks web site at www.southalabamaspeedway.com/.

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Coffee County students named to education honor society at TSU

Three students from Coffee County have been named to the Troy State University chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, a national honor society for students majoring in education.

Inducted into the prestigious honor society were Obie Gene Reeves of Elba, a senior majoring in comprehensive mathematics education; Angela L. Jinright of Elba, a senior majoring in K-6 elementary/collaborative education; and Amy Suzanne Osburn of Enterprise, a graduate student majoring in elementary education.

The Kappa Delta Pi induction ceremony was held as part of the College of Education's annual recognition banquet held recently at the Adams Student Center on the TSU campus.

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AREA NEWS

4-H Bicycle Rodeo held March 26

Bicycling is not only fun, it's also good exercise. Youth from around the county participated in the 4-H Bicycle Rodeo on Monday, March 26 during spring break. There were nine courses each one had to drive through. A different skill was used on each course. The winners were Renee Hanna, 1st, from Enterprise; Brittany Eubanks, 2nd, New Brockton; and Rob Sanders, 3rd, Kinston.

On Tuesday, March 27 the Pet Fair brought 51 animals. There were categories for dogs, puppies, cats, kittens, rodents, amphibians and birds. In each category there were different classes like cutest, friendliest, biggest, smallest, most unusual and cutest costume. Winners were chosen in every class.

4-H'ers were given an opportunity to write an essay entitled "Why Recycling is Important." There were 20 essays submitted, each one bringing out interesting aspects of recycling. The county winners were: Sydney Brunson, 1st, Brad Sullivant, 2nd, and Ciara Burrows, 3rd. All of these students are from Elba.

Emma Jordan, DAR State Conservation Chairperson from Ft. Payne, presents the Conservation medal to Jim and Nell Gilmer.

Gilmer's receive conservation award

Jim and Nell Gilmer of Curtis community , 8 miles west of Elba, received a national Conservation Medal and Certificate at the Alabama State Daughters of the American Revolution annual conference in Auburn on March 13, 2001.

They were nominated for this award by the John Coffee DAR Chapter, along with letters of recommendation from Neal Adkison, President, Coffee Co Chapter of the Alabama Treasure Forest Association, and Linda Westbrook, Chairman, Coffee County Commissioners.

The award was for their work on their 80-acre farm to prevent erosion by planting pine trees and building water bars, maintaining fire lanes, controlled burning to increase wildlife by having wildlife plots. A dam was constructed to build a fresh water lake in a swampy area and it was stocked with bass and bream. Last year they cleared an area at the edge of the yard and made a large water garden, with water coming into it from 3 natural springs . Before and After photos were exhibited at the DAR meeting to show how they have worked to improve the environment.

The Gilmers received the Alabama Treasure Forest Certification in 1998 for their dedication to improving their forestland that includes pine and hardwood timber, wildlife habitat, clean water, recreational opportunities and beautiful scenery.

Hartford Volunteer Fire Department to host Car Show April 7

The Hartford Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting their second annual Car Show on April 7, 2001.

This year the event will be held in the empty lot behind the Big/Little Store and across from the National Guard Armory at the Intersections of Hwy. 167 & Hwy. 52.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. until noon and judging will begin at 12:30 until 2:00 p.m. with prizes awarded at 2:30 p.m. Entry fee will be $15 for an entry car and $10 for any additional car judged. Admission is free to browse and look.

Bring your entry vehicle restored or not yet completely finished or even that special newer model.

Other events will include concessions serving hot dogs, Polish sausage and drinks. There will be several drawings during the day. Several area fire departments will have their antique fire truck on display also for the public to see.

This is a fund raising event for the Hartford Fire Department and all proceeds will go toward equipment and supplies.

For more information call Rich Brannon at 588-2231 or you may contact theHartford Fire Department- 588-2192

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

JOSEPH B. CREEL

Army Reserve Pvt. Joseph B. Creel has graduated from the unit supply specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

Creel is the son of Danny M. Creel of Wetumpka and Sami Creel of Elba.

DAPHANIE Y. BURNETT

Army Pvt. Daphanie Y. Burnett has graduated from the automated logistical specialist advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

Burnett is the daughter of Patricia A. and Johnny W. Walker of Brantley. The private is a 2000 graduate of Brantley High School.

New nutrition labeling proposed for meat and poultry

Susan Taylor
Extension Agent/NEP

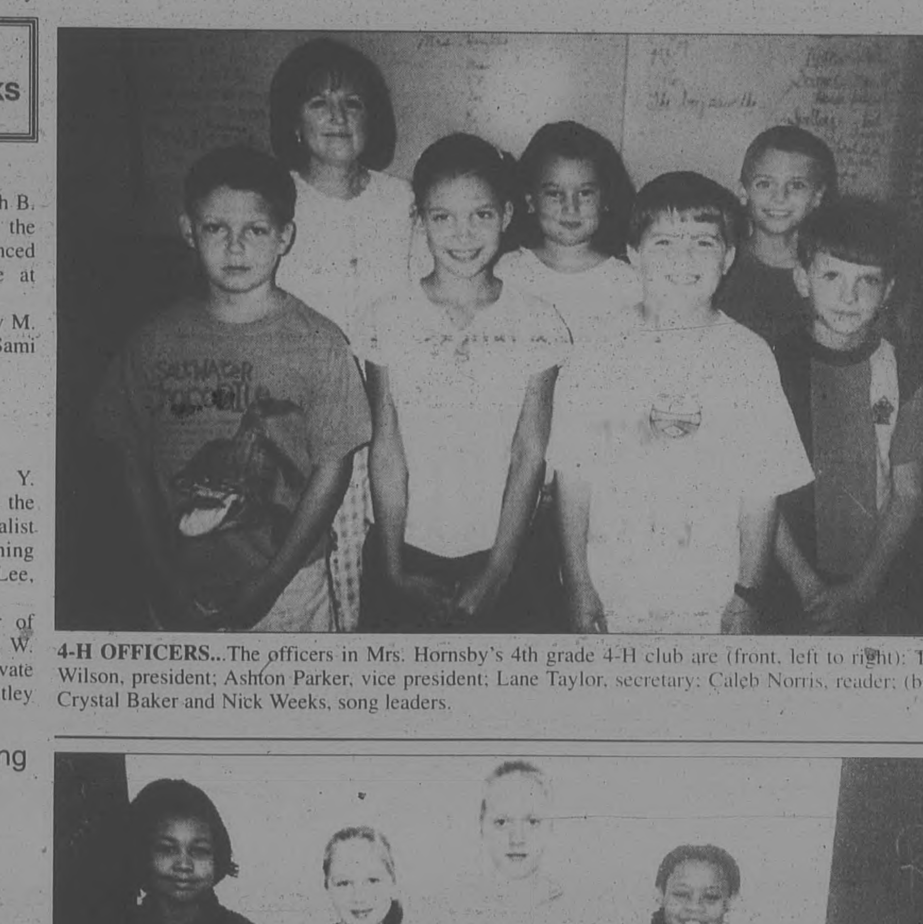
New nutrition labeling requirements for meat and poultry, providing consumers with more information about fat, calories and cholesterol content, have been proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The new nutrition labeling requirements for raw ground beef and chicken are comparable to existing requirements for multi-ingredient products such as sausage, luncheon meat, ground pork with seasonings and bacon. Current labeling on multi-ingredient products also allow a lean percentage statement on the labels when products do not meet low-fat labeling criteria.

Under the new rule, nutrition information for major cuts of steak, pork tenderloin, chicken and turkey meats will be required either on the label by the manufacturer or by the retailer at the point of purchase.

The proposed new requirement stems from the voluntary nutrition labeling regulation that stipulates if less than 60 percent of companies are voluntarily providing this information, the USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service, less than 60 percent of the companies evaluated were participating in the voluntary nutrition labeling program.

SOURCE: Dr. Barbara Struempler, Extension Nutritionist, Alabama Cooperative Extension System



4-H OFFICERS... The officers in Mrs. Hornsby's 4th grade 4-H club are (front, left to right): Tyler Wilson, president; Ashton Parker, vice president; Lane Taylor, secretary; Caleb Norris, reader; (back) Crystal Baker and Nick Weeks, song leaders.

4-H OFFICERS... The officers in Mrs. Kim Gibson's 5th grade 4-H club are (seated, left to right): Trey Martin, vice president; Michelle Aruz, president; Ashley Carpenter, reader; (standing) Kiswana Cole, secretary; Tiffany Bryan, Kayla Miller and Tina Reed, song leaders.

BAKED FOODS EXHIBIT... While some youth slept late and watched TV on a recent school holiday, these 4-Hers spend their morning baking and their afternoon exhibiting their products. Pictured left to right are: Erica Lewis, Zion Chapel; Daniel Kelley, New Brockton; Audrey Doggett, Enterprise; Heather Carroll, New Brockton; Tori Stone, New Brockton; Freda Kelley, New Brockton; and Ashlyn Odom, Dothan.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Rotary plans dinner/auction

It's time again for the Rotary Club dinner/auction, an annual fundraiser held every April to raise funds for the club's many projects. Members of the Elba Rotary Club are asked to bring guests for dinner ($6 each) and an evening of excitement. Each Rotarian brings two items to be auctioned off during the evening. Last year, an item of interest was a stained glass stepping stone made by Pres. Jim Gilmer's sister-in-law, Carolyn Johnson, from Indiana. This year she is contributing two items for the auction; another stained glass stepping stone and an original watercolor, framed painting which she painted from a photo taken soqewhere in the Elba area by her Aunt Barbara McDowell about 15 years ago. Anyone interested in owning this original work of art should ask a Rotarian to invite them to the dinner/auction or ask the Rotarian to bid on the painting.

About the artist: Carolyn Wilson Johnson (EHS '69 and a graduate of University of Alabama and Ball State University) lives in Carmel, Ind. with her husband Dave and three college-age children. One of her early paintings is the Elba Courthouse which hangs in the east hallway of the courthouse. She is past president of the Indiana watercolor society and Hamilton (Co.) Artists Club. Her works have been accepted in numerous juried shows, for which she has received many awards and purchase awards.

ATTENTION...People in the Elba area...A flock of pink flamingos have been seen flying around looking for a place to roost. Jim and Ann Nichols found them doing just that on their lawn Monday afternoon as they returned home from Jim's eye surgery. If the flamingos appear in your yard, call The Peoples Bank and ask for Henrietta Grimes or Stacey Parker, and they will make sure that your friend finds the pink birds in their yard for a donation of $25 or more. The donation will benefit Relay for Life Fight against Cancer.

Elba High School Band Day planned

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a day of music on the courthouse square Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.
Elba Elementary and Elba High School bands will entertain throughout the day with a performance by the Ft. Rucker band at 12 Noon.
An auction will be held at 10:30 a.m. with items donated by local merchants.
A new addition to the annual Band Day is the giant yard sale.
Anyone may make donations of clothing, toys, appliances, etc.
The items should be dropped off at The Jewel Box or call to have them picked up (Laura Baxley at 897-6451 or Anita Grimes at 897-2775).
All proceeds will help provide instruments, percussion equipment, travel expenses and music for the Elba High School band.

Barnes and Johnson join staff of Peoples Bank of Coffee County

Doris Matthews, president and CEO of The Peoples Bank of Coffee County, announces that James Barnes and Ashley Johnson have joined the staff of The Peoples Bank.

Barnes will serve as executive vice-president and senior lending officer while Johnson will oversee brokerage and investment operations through PRIMEVEST Financial Services. The Peoples Bank, which has locations in Elba and New Brockton, is part of the Henderson Bancshares holding company.

James Barnes

A native of Coffee County and resident of Enterprise, Barnes has over 30 years of banking experience. He currently serves on the Enterprise Industrial Development Board, the Coffee County Salvation Army and YMCA Boards, as as treasurer of the Coffee County Famfly Services Board. Barnes is also a member of the Enterprise Lions Club. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Enterprise, where he serves as a deacon. His wife, Stacia, is a teacher in the Enterprise City School System. Barnes has two children, Paul and Brandi, and two grandchildren.

Originally from Elba, Johnson will assume the title of financial services officer for The Peoples Bank. A graduate of Troy State University, he holds a degree in accounting. With several years' experience in the area of financial services, Johnson's responsibilities will include selling mutual funds, stocks and bonds, as well as other aspects of financial planning.

Ashley Johnson

Johnson attends Basin Baptist Church where he teaches a Sunday School class. He and his wife, Leigh, are the parents of a six-month-old daughter.

"We are pleased to welcome both James and Ashley to The Peoples Bank. James brings extensive experience and a proven history of success with him, while Ashley come to us with experience, enthusiasm and an eagerness to help the people of Coffee County with their investment and financial planning needs," said Matthews. "I feel very fortunate to have two employees of their caliber on our staff."

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Elba Fire Department upgrading service

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

The Elba Fire Department made a few improvements Monday night during its regular by-monthly drill in which Fire Chief Larry Goodson hopes will better equip the department in protecting local citizens.

The first order of business was the addition of two new firemen to the department.

The members of the department voted and approved the addition of Gappa Wise and Greg Sowell Jr. as the newest Elba firefighters.

"Our goal is to put good, responsible people on the fire department," said Goodson. "We were in need of people who can respond to daytime fires, and these guys work within the city and are willing to respond to the day fires."

Wise is a local contractor in Elba. He and his wife, Mona, have a 14-month old son, Hudson.

"I am glad to be on the fire department and help in any way I can," he said.

"Our goal is to put good, responsible people on the fire department..."
Chief Goodson

Sowell is owner of Coleman and Sowell Vault Company and is married to Mary Sowell.

"I hope I'm able to touch someone's life in a positive way while on the force," added Sowell.

Besides the addition of two firefighters, the department also made some equipment changes Monday night.

When entering smoke-filled or hazardous environments, firefighters use a self-contained breathing apparatus. The air bottles on the apparatus have a 15-year shelf-life from the date of manufacture.

The Elba Fire Department had 24 out-of-date bottles that were replaced with new air bottles Monday night.

"These 24 bottles will greatly enhance our life-saving abilities when fighting a fire," said Lt. Wesley DeVane, secretary-treasurer of the department. "The bottles provide firemen 15 minutes of clean air in a smoke-filled or hazardous environment."

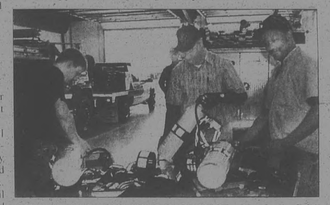
DeVane said the 24 air bottles were purchased by the fire department for $7,326, but the time saved by having the bottles is worth much more than that.

"Without the addition of the new bottles, the department would only have enough bottles to allow firemen one trip into the hazardous environment," he said. "If we couldn't get the job done on that one bottle, we would simply be out of luck."

He said once the 15 minutes of air in the bottle is used, the bottle has to be returned to the fire station to be refilled. The extra air bottles allow firemen to simply switch bottles on the scene of the incident and return to fighting the fire or helping citizens who may be trapped.

"These new bottles for the self-contained breathing apparatus are a positive step in assisting us as we try and provide our citizens with the best possible protection against fire or other hazardous conditions," said DeVane.

DEPARTMENTS ADDS TWO NEW MEMBERS Gappa Wise (l) and Greg Sowell Jr. (r) became Elba's newest firefighters Monday evening when members of the fire department voted for and approved their joining the department.



NEW AIR TANKS PLACED IN SERVICE...Members of the Elba Fire Department are shown above removing outdated air bottles from the department's equipment and replacing them with the new bottles recently purchased by the department. Captured changing the air bottles are (from left): Timmy Richards, J.C. Smith and P.J. Young.

City Council hears of two police officers leaving department

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

On Monday night the Elba City Council heard Police Chief R. W. Whitworth report the retirement of one police officer and the resignation of another.

L. C. Cook, after many, many years of service to Elba, has announced his pending retirement, which is effective June 1st.

Officer Johnny Senn has resigned from the Elba department, effective April 19th, to accept a position with the Alabama Highway Patrol.

Whitworth also reported that former officer John Bryan, who retired for health reasons, passed away last week.

Whitworth also presented the council with an option to participate in a law enforcement grant from SE Ala Medical Center Traffic Control Officers who work overtime on traffic law enforcement will be paid by the grant.

Officers who participate will be paid time and a half time, but must show their efforts have helped reduce wrecks and alcohol-related incidents and have increased the usage of seat belts.

Mayor James Grimes informed council members that he is working on a new pay scale for all city employees. It should be ready for consideration at the end of the fiscal year and hopefully will be fairer and more beneficial to all employees.

The council accepted the bid of Rudolph Free of $250 a month to operate the concessions at the city parks during the months of April, May, June and July.

The council also voted to apply for FEMA grants for homeowners who want to construct an approved home storm shelter. The grants will be 75%-25% matching grants with FEMA paying the 75% and the homeowner paying the balance. Mayor Grimes said Coffee County is not a priority county and it may not get accepted into the program, as there is a limited amount of money in the program.

Monthly bills totaling $101,913.02 were approved for payment.

The council approved a low bid of $168,402 from a Mississippi firm for additional slip lining in sewer lines and a new wet well on Highland Drive. The project is funded with the balance of the major sewer rehab/extension project funds.

Grimes asked each council member to recommend one person to serve on the cemetery committee. They will assist and advise the mayor and city clerk.

The mayor also told council members that the city had received approval for an Industrial Park feasibility study grant.

The City is also reviewing the cost of group term life insurance on employees.

County BOE strengthens violence policy

by Marvin McILwain, Editor

The highlight of last Thursday's regular monthly meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education was the swearing-in of new board member Gene Barksdale.

Barksdale was picked by the board to serve the remainder of the term - almost three years - of his late wife, Joyce Barksdale, who passed away in February. Coffee County Probate Judge William O. Gammill administered the oath-of-office to Mr. Barksdale.

Probably the most important issue of the evening addressed by the board dealt with school violence. A policy was adopted and added to the students' Code of Conduct which strengthened present disciplinary measures and called for added measures - one being the involvement of juvenile officers and law enforcement in certain situations.

A letter, prompted by the recent shootings that have occurred in schools across the country, was sent out to the parents of students in the county system regarding school violence.

"We have also had some incidences in our schools where we've had to discipline students for making threats regarding bringing guns to school or shooting other students or threatening to shoot students," said Supt. Rodger Bowden. "I felt that it was imperative that we strengthen our disciplinary measures when threats are made on our campuses."

After meeting with District Judge Steve Blair and District Attorney Mark Fuller, Bowden drafted the new guidelines which the board adopted. Basically, should a student make a threat, he or she will be suspended for five days and the appropriate law enforcement agency will be contacted along with juvenile authorities to investigate the matter. The student may also be required to appear in a hearing before the board after which it will be determined by the board and the superintendent whether or not further action is required. This

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Commission zips through light agenda

by Marvin McILwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission zipped through a short meeting agenda Monday and way signing bills shortly after 9:30 a.m.

In general business from the commissioners, Commissioner Bernest Brooks made a motion "to bring back on the table" a motion to pay Johns Chapel AME Church $400 to help defray expenses incurred when the church's facilities were used as a voting place in the June and November 2000 elections. The matter was tabled in the June 12, 2000 meeting. Brooks' motion passed by a 6-1 vote with Commissioner Tom Grimsley casting the lone dissenting vote.

Commissioner Brooks then made a motion seconded by Commissioner Kayo Lewis to pay the $400 dollars on a one-time-only basis to the church. During the discussion of the motion, Commissioner Grimsley attempted to amend Brooks' motion to read that all non-county owned facilities used in county elections be compensated. The amendment failed to get a second.

Commissioner Brooks pointed out that it would no doubt be more costly to construct a facility and keep it up than it is to compensate someone for the use of an already existing facility.

After several minutes of discussion of Brooks' motion, it passed by a vote of 6-0-1. Commissioner Grimsley abstained form voting on the matter.

County Engineer Randy Tindell presented a preliminary plat for the Hampton Place - Phase I subdivision and recommended that it be approved. The new subdivision is being located just off Co. Rd. 704 (also known as Headless Horseman Road) which is northeast of Enterprise. Commissioners approved the plat.

On a sad note, Tindell noted the death of William Royce Miley on March 30 of which all the commissioners were already aware of.

"We lost a very valuable employee," said Tindell. "Royce was a very young man (age 36) and he was foreman in the highway department responsible for placing all of our liquid asphalt, stone and resurfacing. In fact, he had built several roads within the past couple of years on his own, and he will be hard to replace."

Tindell showed commissioners a map which depicted the roads that Miley had resurfaced or paved, and they heavily dotted the county map in almost all sections of the county.

"He had a tremendous impact on the traveling conditions of Coffee County and he will be sorely missed," said Tindell. "And, he's going to be very hard to replace."

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Stephens made a motion that now, and in the future, the commission send a formal and appropriate letter of condolence to the family of any county employee who dies. The motion passed unanimously.

John Tallas, director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency, made commissioners aware of the availability of a 75-25 matching funds grant from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) for safe rooms and community shelter throughout the State of Alabama.

There is a strict limit of $3,500 on the actual safe room, and they have to meet certain construction specifications which are spelled out in FEMA publications," said Tallas.

Based on the criteria that has to be met in order to be eligible to receive these grant funds, Coffee County falls in the third priority group in competing for the monies. Tallas asked commissioners to direct any individuals wishing to file grant applications with FEMA to contact his office. The deadline for doing so is April 16, 2001.

In other matters...

•Jail Administrator Zack Ennis reported that although the jail has several maintenance problems, they were being addressed by county maintenance personnel. Commissioner Jim Thompson encouraged Ennis to inform commissioners and seek their help on any problems he mught have with jail maintenance.

•Appointed the following individuals to serve on the county's strategy planning committee. They are: Sandy Coffey, Stan Windham, Ken Farris, Luverell Wallace, Susan Steck, Tim Sanders, Linda Bryan, Dan Presley, Cathy Sawyer, Jackie Thompson, Elba Mayor James Grimes, and Kinston Mayor William Mullins Jr.

Pictured above, Gene Barksdale (right) is congratulated by Probate Judge William O. Gammill following his swearing-in ceremony.

Area Happenings

EHS BAND DAY Elba High School Band Day will be Saturday, April 14, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on the courthouse square. Activities will include entertainment by the elementary and high school bands throughout the day, a large yard sale, Jail for Bail, and an auction. Barbecue plate tickets will be sold by band members or may be purchased at Whitman Drugs.

COMMUNITY-WIDE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES will be held at Westside Baptist Church, this Sunday, April 15, at 6 a.m. Breakfast will be served following services. Everybody is welcome.

COUNTY SCHOOLS' KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION Kindergarten registration for the Coffee County School System will be held the week of April 30-May 4 from 8 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. Primary schedule for registration is as follows:
• Zion Chapel Elementary School - Tuesday, May 1 • Kinston Elementary School - Wednesday, May 2 • New Brockton Elementary School - Thursday, May 3
The following information will be required at registration: • Birth Certificate • Social Security Card • Immunization Certificate - Chicken pox vaccination is required for entrance into kindergarten. For questions, contact the Coffee County Health Department. • Proof of Residence Children entering kindergarten must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 2.
For additional information or questions, contact the principal of the respective school: Zion Chapel Elementary - Bob Andrews, 897-6802; Kinston Elementary - Patty Taylor, 565-3027; or New Brockton Elementary - Dr. Irma Townsend, 894-6152.